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SUBJECT: TRANSKEI DELEGATION VISITS TAIWAN

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THE JOHANNESBURG PRESS CARRIED ITEMS ON MAY 3 ON THE VISIT
OF A TRANSKEI DELEGATION TO TAIWAN. THE CITIZEN OF MAY 3
REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE A DELEGATION BY TRANSKEI'S ROVING AMBASSADOR, CHIEF
JERIMIAH MOSHESH, LEAVE HERE TODAY FOR TALKS IN TAIWAN ON
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MATTERS OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO YOUR COUNTRY WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING
THIS VISIT. THEY ARE VERY CONFIDENTIAL, BUT YOU MUST REST
ASSURED THAT BEHIND THE SCENES THE WORLD IS BEGINNING TO
RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI, THE PRIME MINISTER, CHIEF KAISER
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MATANZIMA, TOLD THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. UNQUOTE

THE STAR OF MAY 3 REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE A TRANSKEI DELEGATION LEAVES FOR TAIWAN TODAY
TO DISCUSS SETTING UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IF THE DISCUSSIONS ARE SUCESSFUL

TAIWAN WILL BE THE FIRST COUNTRY OTHER THAN SOUTH AFRICA
TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI. THE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY
TRANSKEI'S ROVING AMBASSADOR, CHIEF JERIMIAH MOSHESH.
UNQUOTE.

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LO MING-YAUN TOLD US AT LUNCH YESTERDAY THAT THE PRESS
REPORTS WERE OBVIOUSLY EXAGGERATED. HE SAID THAT THE
DELEGATION WAS VISITING TAIWAN AT ITS REQUEST NOT AT THE REQUEST
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) AND THAT
THEY WERE VISITING SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING
AGRICULTURAL EXPERTISE. HE SAID THAT THE TRANSKEIANS WERE
VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SOIL EROSION PROBLEMS AND THAT
THEY HAD LEARNED THAT THE CHINESE WERE PARTICULARLY
EXPERT AT WATER CONSERVANCY AND SOIL EROSION AND THAT THEY,
THE TRANSKEIANS ARE DEPENDING ON TRANSKEIN PASSPORTS AND
THAT THE ROC CONSULATE DID NOT ISSUE THEM. VISAS WERE ISSUED
IN EACH CASE IN SEPARATE INSERTS SINCE THE ROC DOES NOT RECOGNIZE
THE TRANSKEI.
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